

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 277 without my signature.

This bill would delete the option of specifying the members of the bay area county transportation authorities in the sales tax ordinance and would limit the identification of the authority members to the expenditure plan.

This bill would reverse a provision of law I enacted under SB 983 (Migden, Chapter 83, Statutes of 2005), and would interject the state into what is a local fight over the board membership of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority. Representation of a local transportation authority should be determined at the local level, and removing the ability of voters to determine this representation would be counter to California's democratic process.

For this reason I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger